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In re application of)
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 Roger W. Phillips et al.)
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 For: OPTICALLY VARIABLE SECURITY DEVICES)
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 Examiner: Darren Schuberg)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the communication mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark
Office on April 10, 2001, Applicants have the following comments.

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following invention groups is
required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-46, 49-53 and 65-77, drawn to an article including an interference
pattern and an optical coating;

II. Claims 47 and 48, drawn to a color shift coating with laser ablation or laser scribing;

III. Claims 54-64, drawn to a method of forming a security article; and

IV. Claim 78, drawn to a method for attaching a security article to an object.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-46, 49-53 and 65-77, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner has given no reasons for the restriction requirement between invention Groups I and IV. The claims in Group I are directed to articles including an interference pattern and an optical coating, and claim 78 of Group IV is directed to a method for attaching such security articles to an object by hot stamping. As claim 66, directed to a hot stamp structure, has already been included in Group I, claim 78, which includes essentially the same structural limitations as claim 66, should also be included in Group I.

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of invention Group I:

- a. Figure 1;
- b. Figure 2;
- c. Figure 3;
- d. Figure 4;
- e. Figure 5;
- f. Figure 6;
- g. Figure 7;
- h. Figures 8A and 8B;

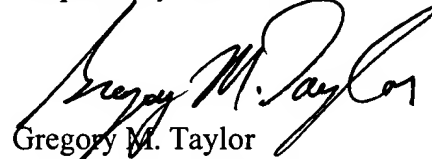
- i. Figure 10B;
- j. Figure 11;
- k. Figure 12;
- l. Figure 13; and
- m. Figure 14.

Applicants hereby elect species *a* (Figure 1) for prosecution on the merits. Currently, claims 1-8, 14, 66-68, 70, and 76-78 read on species *a*.

In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2001.

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